

To: Public Health Committee

My name is Jamie Lazaroff. I am a person who happens to have a Developmental/Intellectual disability. I am the Self-Advocate Coordinator at the Arc Quinebaug Valley in Danielson, Connecticut and I also work with The Arc Connecticut as a voice for people with Intellectual/Developmental disabilities throughout the state.. I also serve as Secretary of the Governor's Council on Developmental Services.

I support **raised bill number 5534** an act concerning the provision of services to individuals with Intellectual Disabilities. This is a good first step for the legislature to see the whole picture of needs of supports for people served by the Department of Developmental Services. My hope when you read this report is that like all of you one size does not fit all. People with disabilities are all different in terms of what works for them. We don't all want or need to live in a group home.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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